September 26, 1958

Mr.W. W.Woodward
Carnegie Institute of Tech.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr.Woodward:

I have obtained pictures of the beautiful Sommer Island coins which were given to you by George H. Clapp and I would very much like to obtain the weight, in grains, of these four coins. Would it be possible for you to let me know that information.

I have done and am doing a substantial amount of research on early American coins and wonder if you have an inventory of the coins in your collegtion prior to 1793. This would be very helpful to me as I would like photographs or information concerning some of them.

Mr. William Clark, of the American Numismatic Society was kind enough to give me your name.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

7434 RICHLAND MANOR DRIVE
PITTSBURGH 8, PENNSYLVANIA

November 16, 1958

Dear Dr. Newman:

By a fortunate circumstance, one of our associates at the Museum appeared unexpectedly yesterday, and weighed the Sommers Islands coins, which he reports as follows:

Shilling	=	89.2 grains
Sixpence	=	50.0 "
Threepence	=	30.4 "
Twopence	=	14.5 "

I'm appreciative of the further clarification of your wishes on the inventory, and will try to comply as soon as possible, which I regret may not be too quickly.

7434 RICHLAND MANOR DRIVE
PITTSBURGH 8, PENNSYLVANIA

Have recently seen a piece, struck on a U.S. eagle of 1888, allegedly with the original dies of the Sommers Id. Shilling. As yet have had no chance to compare with the original, but the dies are a fairly close copy of the original at worst. I cannot believe that the original dies of what was (at the time) such an insignificant local issue have survived. Will you comment?

W. W. Woodside

November 20, 1958

Mr.W.W.Woodside
7434 Richland Manor Drive
Pittsburgh 8, Penn.

Dear Mr.Woodside:

Thank you for your letter of November 16, 1958, giving me the weights of the Sommer Islands pieces.

You asked my opinion with respect to the dies used to overstrike the United States Eagle of 1888. There is, as you know, a copy of the Sommer Islands pieces made about 100 years ago. Why don't you send me a copy of the item or a picture of it so that I can be more helpful.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 24, 1961

Mr. W. W. Woodside
7434 Richland Manor Drive
Pittsburgh 8, Penna.

Dear Mr.Woodside:

I wish to thank you very much for the pamphlet on Penitentiary Money. I will read it at the first opportunity. It was very nice for you to think of me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/a tb

September 6, 1961

Dear Mr.Woodside,

Thank you, very much for your most interesting article on the Sommer Island pieces.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

CARNEGIE MUSEUM
DEPARTMENT OF THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTE
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.

Jan. 2, 1966

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for telling me about the Peterson article on cut coins in the 1962 Numismatist. I had missed it. Peterson notes finds at several places I had not known of.

Since I wrote last, more specimens have turned up (a) at a 3rd site in western Penna., (b) at Joppa, Maryland, near Baltimore, and (c) at Williamsburg, Va. I am convinced more than ever that a survey of finds of this type of material is worth while.

Your help and advice are much appreciated. All good wishes for the new year, and best regards,

Bill

W. W. Woodside

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August 25, 1972

Dear Eric:

Youire darned thoughtful to recall that I was looking for Newgate token varieties — I'm grateful, for this is one I can use & so I enclose a check to cover the $3.00 plus a bit for postage. Thanks very much.

[redacted]

After that, we want to have several days with our son in N.J. All of this has delayed work on the mss. of cut AR and colonial coppers. Meanwhile another cut AR piece has been found at Hannastown.

Thanks again, and best regards,

Bill